Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:

S.B. No. 892

S.D. 2 H.D. 3 C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OMNIBUS HAWAI'I RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY, "

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to make various appropriations for the Hawaii resilience and sustainability strategy in the areas of broadband and joint emergency management, energy efficiency and smart grid, and water and sewer infrastructure.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Hawaii needs a new way of thinking about how the State addresses critical infrastructure needs. Your Committee on Conference further finds that increasing broadband capacity is critical to businesses and the continued growth of Hawaii's economy. Broadband internet provides various benefits, including increased access to information, facilitation of

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healthcare delivery and services, economic opportunities and accelerated business development, and the enhanced capacity for smart grid technology and increased energy conservation.

Your Committee on Conference notes that this measure will facilitate the development of public-private partnerships to provide more secure, reliable, and resilient internet and data capacity.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating the purpose section;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 only for the Hawaii broadband initiative;
- (3) Deleting language that would have appropriated general funds for the necessary expenses incurred to design broadband cable landing sites and prepare seven environmental impact statements;
- (4) Deleting language that would have appropriated general funds necessary for planning and constructing a joint emergency management center;
- (5) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 only for the energy efficiency and grid operations research;
- (6) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 only for the county water improvement and sewer distribution systems project;
- (7) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 only for the Hawaii resilience and sustainability strategy;
- (8) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2015; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that

it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 892, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

DERE K. KAWAKAMI, Co-Chair

MCKELVEY, Co-Chair

SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, Co-Chair

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Hawaii State Legislature

Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB,892, SD 2, HD 3				Date/Time: 5/1/5 10:08 am					
The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure				The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.					
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:				House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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